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3. The inspection and formalities at Burgas were the same as in all Bulgarian ports except that they were more lenient. A pamphlet provided by the harbor master to all ships, concerning the regulations and restrictions applying to all foreign sea captains and crews

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five Bulgarian landing vessels at the port

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These vessels were moored side-by-side with their sterns to the quay in a Mediterranean moor. They were approximately 40 meters in length, had a short pole mast near the stern on the captain's bridge, had no stacks, and carried an anchor in the hawsehole, near the waterline, at the bow. Armament observed consisted of two machine guns on the captain's bridge. No large caliber guns were seen.

5. Also observed were four small boats resembling Coast Guard boats and four others of a slightly larger size.

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there were two Soviet ships of approximately 1000 and 7000 tons.

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7. A boat landing station with a length of approximately two ships is being built in the inner harbor. Outside the port, a dredger was working between Lake Akrian and the Gulf of Poros. Freight trains run to this section along the coast continuously.

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9. [redacted] the barracks west of the breakwater and behind the naval vessels, belong to the naval forces. [redacted] at a distance there are military barracks and buildings on the hill behind the Cape of Poros.

10. Women work as naval laborers in the port of Burgas. They were observed working as signal women and even operating ship's cranes.

11. A passenger plane, flying in the direction of the USSR, was observed at about 11:00 A.M. on 19 January 1955. No other aircraft were seen.

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square in the center of Burgas.

A new statue has been put up on the large

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[redacted] pamphlet furnished to the ship's captain by the harbor master of Burgas:

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## BULGARIA (PORT OF BURGAS)

Instructions relative to harbor regulations and sanitary and passport control of vessels arriving in the Port of Burgas (with customs on board?)

It is requested from the captain of each vessel to carry out the following upon arrival in Burgas:

1. To turn over to the doctor, health reports signed by the authorities of the Department of Health, in the port at which they were last.
2. To give four copies of the list of the crew. The list must be signed by the captain and sealed with the ship's seal.
3. To hand over all seaman identification records (from beginning to end) arranged according to the order followed in the crew list.
4. To present the ship's property list duly certified by the interested authorities on the basis of all changes that have taken place.
5. To submit four copies of the list of passengers, signed and sealed by the captain, and their passports while the passengers are on board the ship.
6. To submit two copies of food provisions, money list, and a list of personal belongings, etc.
7. All binoculars, telescopes, cameras (personal or belonging to the ship) will be declared and sealed. Films, developed or not, sound tape, weapons (rifles, hunting rifles, pistols, revolvers, signal pistols, rockets, gun powder, etc.) will be collected.

Attention: If anyone of the articles mentioned above is brought out after the control has started, it will be confiscated.

8. The captain will assemble the crew on deck, or at another appropriate place, for inspection and medical examination. (He will only leave two people in the engine-room). Before they go on deck as mentioned above, all the sections of the ship (cabins, closets, chest of drawers, suitcases, etc.) will be left unlocked, their keys attached.
9. While the ship is being controlled, the captain will appoint a few of the crew to accompany the controlling officials. In the meantime, the crew will remain where they were first assembled, until the control is completed.
10. Permission is given to the crew (with the exception of those whose papers are not in order) to go ashore, from 9:00 A.M. until 12 o'clock midnight. The seamen that are late coming aboard the ship, that is, if they come after the time limit (midnight), will be deprived of their permission to go ashore and will be fined.

Attention: The crew must be very careful not to lose their identification cards, passports, and cards permitting them to go ashore. If lost, they will be left in an awkward position and will be fined.

11. While going ashore, the crew must show the soldier on duty at the boat landing station, either their identification cards or their passports and their permits to go ashore. The soldier at the boat landing station will give them a second permit which is valid in the city. The same procedure is repeated on their return to the ship.

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Attention: Going on board and getting off the ship will be done only at the stairs on the side of the ship.

12. The crew must stop by the customs control section while going ashore and returning to the ship. (A small building named "Douane" on the way to the port gate towards the end of the quay). Those not complying with this rule will not be allowed to go ashore.
13. The crew cannot bring anything ashore or on board without the knowledge of customs. Those not complying with this rule will be fined as smugglers.
14. The captain must ask for a pilot in order to enter the port basin.
15. Immediately after the ship takes her place in the harbor and drops anchor, all the ropes and cables tying the ship to the quay shall be equipped with rat-guards.
16. Ships having its crew on board are not permitted to enter the port basin or to leave it.
17. While the ship is at the port or abeam, the captain must comply with the international regulations on protection of human lives and take precautions.
18. It is prohibited to empty water or fuel from the bilgeways of the ship and to throw litter while at the port basin.
19. It is prohibited to wash or swim in the port basin.
20. It is prohibited to smoke in the harbor district.
21. It is prohibited to snap or draw pictures in the harbor district.
22. The members of the ship are warned to be careful while passing the railroad, especially at night, to go ashore and to return to the ship in order to prevent all accidents.
23. The crew is warned to act honorably and decently while in the city and in the harbor region.
24. All ships entering Bulgarian waters must hoist the Bulgarian national flag. It is recommended that any ship that does not have a Bulgarian flag, for one reason or another, obtain one through their shipping agency.
25. In order to come out of the port basin, the captain, who needs a pilot, must inform his shipping agency two hours before his departure.

In order to prevent unpleasant incidents from occurring, the ship captains are requested to inform the interested crew immediately of the above mentioned regulations.

The above instructions have been announced in proper procedure by the control committee through the channel of my agent.

Burgas, date.....

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Captain of the Ship

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